

TERRITORY OF GUAM OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AGAÑA, GUAM 96910 U.S.A.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 95-18

RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A CHAMORRO HERITAGE INSTITUTE PLANNING GROUP TO STUDY AND DEVELOP A PLAN AND PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO COORDINATE THE CURRENT AND FUTURE GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS WHICH PRESERVE AND MAINTAIN ASPECTS OF THE CHAMORRO CULTURE AND LANGUAGE.

WHEREAS, currently there are a number of departments and agencies of the government which are involved in activities directed towards preserving and maintaining aspects of the Chamorro culture and language; and

WHEREAS, these cultural aspects undertaken within the government are now executed in a piecemeal fashion, with one activity being undertaken by one agency and another activity being undertaken by another agency, without interaction and coordination; and

WHEREAS, some agencies now involved in such activities are the Chamorro Language Commission, the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Guam Historic Preservation Review Commission and Trust, the Political Status Education Coordinating Commission, the Guam Visitors Bureau, the Guam Museum, the Guam Library, and Guam Economic Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to strengthen the Chamorro culture and language by practicing and maintaining cultural practices within the government which are already taking place, both for the cultural good of the people and their economic and political well-being; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to coordinate these cultural and language activities by building an umbrella organization to bring disparate functions into a cohesive whole, so that Guam's identity may be stronger as a cultural, economic, and political entity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, and the laws of Guam, do hereby order:

1) A planning group is established, to be known as the "Chamorro Heritage Institute Planning Group" to study the functions and activities within the government which are now and may be in the future involved in expressing the Chamorro culture and language, and to draft a plan for coordinating these functions and activities in the form of proposed legislation to implement an umbrella organization to be known as the "Chamorro Heritage Institute".



- 2) The Chamorro Heritage Institute Planning Group shall be composed of the following:
 - a) Special Assistant to the Governor;
 - b) Director, Department of Parks and Recreation;
 - c) Director, Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency;
 - d) Executive Director, Guam Historic Preservation Review Commission;
 - e) Executive Director, Political Status Education Coordinating Commission;
 - f) Representative of the Guam Economic Development Agency; and
 - g) Curator of Guam Collection, Nieves Flores Memorial Library.
- 3) The Chamorro Heritage Institute Planning Group shall submit its plan in the form of draft legislation to the Governor and to the Legislature by June 30, 1996.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agana, Guam this 22nd day of September, 1995.

CARLY. C. GUTIERREZ Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO Lieutenant Governor of Guam